GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:82
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2001
UPLIFTMENT OF WOMEN
THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes launched by the Government for upliftment and providing employment and training to the women during the last three years;

(b) the details of the progress made and funds allocated/utilized during the said period, State-wise, and scheme-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to launch some other schemes for the upliftment of the women; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 82 FOR 27.2.2 REGARDING UPLIFTMENT OF WOMEN

Government has launched several schemes during the Ninth Five Year Plan for upliftment and providing employment and training to women. Brief details of these are given in Annexure-I to III.

Government is considering start of two new schemes, (a) Integrated Women's Empowerment Programme and (b) Women in Difficult Circumstances for upliftment of women. These are, however, yet to be finalized.

Annexure I

Details of the schemes launched by the Government during the Ninth Five Year Plan for the upliftment and providing employment and training to women.

1. Balika Samridhi Yojana

The Scheme was launched on 2nd October, 1997 with the objective of bringing about a positive change in the attitudes towards girl child. It provides for a grant of Rs 500 to a below poverty line (BPL) mother of up to two girl child born after 15th August, 1997. The scheme was recast in 1999 with 100% Central Assistance. The money is now deposited in an interest bearing account in a bank or post office in the name of girl child. In addition, the girl child is now also entitled to receive scholarship for each class of study successfully completed by her, ranging from Rs. 300/- for class I to Rs. 1000/- for class X. The scholarship amounts will also be deposited in the above account. The accumulated value of the deposits in the account is payable to the girl child on her attaining the age of 18 years and having remained unmarried till then. Details of the scheme wise/ State wise utilization of the amount in the last three years are given at Annexure-II.

2. Swa-Shakti Project

The scheme was started in 1998 with assistance from International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and International Development Association (IDA). It covers 7 States namely, Bihar, Gujrat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, for a period of 5 years with an estimated outlay of Rs.191.21 crores. The objectives of the project are the establishment of self-reliant women's self-help-groups which will develop linkages between with lending institutions to access credit facilities for income generation activities. About 2.14 lacs beneficiaries are planned to be covered under the project. The details of the scheme wise/State wise utilization of the amount in the last three years are given in Annexure - III

3. Distant Education for Women's Development and Empowerment

This project has been jointly undertaken with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to introduce a Certificate course through distant education mode to train a large mass of trainers from amongst

village level implementers of the projects, their supervisors and district level functionaries for the formation of sustainable self-help groups in their areas. The total cost of the project is about Rs.3.90 crores and it will be completed in two years. Thereafter this will be a regular Certificate Course of IGNOU. An amount of Rs.1.40 crores has so far been spent on the project.

4. Training for Women's Empowerment in Maharastra

This is a United Nations Fund for Population Activity (UNFPA) funded project being implemented in 21 blocks in the State of Maharastra for the following objectives:

a) Identification and creation of homogeneous groups of women
b) Federating these at the village and block level
c) Create confidence, self-esteem and awareness among the members in respect of women's status, health and other socio-economic issues.

The total cost of the project is Rs. 220 lacs. An amount of Rs. 97 lacs has been spent on this so far.

5. Women's Empowerment Year 2001

Government of India has declared the year 2001 as Women's Empowerment Year for creating a nation wide awareness about the upliftment and empowerment of women. A scheme approved for this purpose envisages various programmes and activities round the year on several themes such as, human rights for women, economic empowerment of women, social empowerment of women, women in difficult circumstances, women & technology, women & governance, women & education, women & health, nutrition, women & media, entrepreneurship in women etc. the year was formally launched by the Prime Minister on 4th January at Vigyan Bhavan when five women were awarded the first Stree Shakti Puraskar for their outstanding work for the upliftment of poor and backward women.

Government is also implementing several other schemes for the upliftment, training and employment of women which were started prior to Ninth Plan period. These include Support To Training And Employment Programme For Women (STEP), Women's Employment Programme (NORAD), Hostel For Working Women, Short Stay Homes, Awarenes Generation Programme, and Family Counselling Centres

In addition several programmes in other sectors aimed at improving health, education, nutrition, urban and rural employment and social disabilities of the population also have positive impact on women's upliftment.

Annexure- II

Statement referred to the Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 82 for 27.2.2001

Balika Samriddhi Yojana; Funds released to various States

Sl.No.	Name of the State/Ut	1997-98	98-99	99-2000	2000-2001
1	Andhra Pradesh	219.52	219.45	146.35	70.00
2	Arunachal Pr.	9.32	6.82	6.21	2.50
3	Assam	215.48	129.85	143.66	105.00
4	Bihar	1068.69	630.75	712.46	212.50
5	Goa	3.34	3.34	2.23	2.50
6	Gujarat	158.23	108.08	105.49	75.00
7	Haryana	86.49	59.29	57.66	25.00
8	Himachal Pr.	27.74	27.72	18.50	12.00
9	Jammu & Kahsmir	52.50	48.74	35.00	30.00
10	Karnataka	227.02	226.99	151.35	87.00
11	Kerala	81.92	48.19	54.62	25.00
12	Madhya Pradesh	550.35	489.18	366.90	262.00
13	Maharashtra	457.42	324.03	304.95	60.00
14	Manipur	11.48	6.03	7.65	5.50
15	Meghalaya	17.84	9.08	11.90	
16	Mizoram	3.08	3.07	2.05	2.50
17	Nagaland	5.30	3.12	3.54	1.25
18	Orissa	332.11	332.11	221.41	175.00
19	Punjab	42.41	38.23	28.28	20.00
20	Rajasthan	325.67	244.84	217.12	50.00
21	Sikkim	3.25	3.26	2.17	1.25
22	Tamil Nadu	238.16	149.54	158.77	12.50
23	Tripura	17.42	17.42	11.60	2.50
24	Uttar Pradesh	1403.91	872.43	935.94	100.00
25	West Bengal	412.77	236.49	275.18	
26	Delhi	18.81	18.81	12.54	
27	Pondicharry	5.03	5.03	3.35	2.50
28	A & N Islands	1.65	1.02	1.10	0.38
29	Chandigarh	1.92	1.42	1.28	0.88
30	D & N Haveli		0.80		
31	Daman & Diu	0.70	0.57	0.47	0.13
32	Lakshadweep	0.39	0.39	0.26	0.13

Note : The funds of Newly created States viz. Jharkhand, Uttaranchal & Chhatishgarh is included in their erstwhile States

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Swa-Shakti Project: Funds given to the States

(Rs. In lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of the State/Ut	1997-98+		1998-99		1999-2000	2000-2001
		Allo-cation	Utiliz cation	Allo-cation	Utiliz cation	Allo-cation	Utiliz. (as on 20.2.2001)
1	Bihar	180.00	97.05	110.00	40.0	130.00	
2	Gujarat	180.00	117.53	110.00	4.00	130.00	
3	Haryana	180.00	101.44	110.00	40.00	130.00	
4	Karnataka	180.00	117.53	110.00	40.00	130.00	
5	Madhya Pr.	300.00	111.68	160.00	45.00	200.00	
6	Uttar Pr.	780.00	203.60	481.00	198.24	580.00	

+ The Project was started in 1998-99 and is being implemented in six States only.

The funds of Newly created States viz. Jharkhand, Uttaranchal & Chhatishgarah are included in their Prior States.